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Zenas Hughes House
5138 Jarrettsville Road
White Hall, Maryland 21161

Zenas Hughes' stone and frame house is located near Norrisville, at the foot of Bald Hill. It had been in the Hughes family for over one hundred years. Once a tavern, an old tale is attached to the house, of a murder in this house, of blood stains that showed through several coats of paint, and of a voice screaming through the night.

The stone unit of this house has many characteristics of the British stone cabins found throughout the mid-Atlantic Region.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MACI # 124574404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Zenas Hughes House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5138 Jarrettsville Road

CITY, TOWN

White Hall

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Talmadge D. and Pauline Carico

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

5138 Jarrettsville Road

CITY, TOWN

White Hall

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD

21161

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 561

Folio #: 641

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone and frame house, now very close to the road, faces southeast. The two story dwelling is built into the bank of a steep hill. The original entrance emphasis has been changed as ground level has built up. The original principal entrance has been concealed by the rising ground level and the placement of a porch.

The stone section of this house is two stories high and two bays long. The stone is of ashlar bond. Large portions of this unit's walls have been painted with black, white, and grey paint and each rock is outlined with black paint. Though this section was probably always partially underground, the dirt appears to have built up more through the years to the extent that the openings on the first elevation of this section are barely so.

Windows in this unit are six lights over six. There is one on the southeast side and one on the northeast side of the first elevation. The door on the southeast side has beaded trim. There are no windows or doors on the northwest facade's first elevation as it is completely subterranean. The second elevation's windows are also six lights over six. This unit's roof is gable flank, covered with asphalt shingles and has a box cornice.

The interior of this section is deteriorated on the first elevation. Because of its subterranean position this level has been little used in what seems to be many years. The plastered walls are peeling. A beaded chair rail is on each wall. Moulded cornices trim the ceiling. An enclosed, winding stairway is located on the northeast wall. This leads to the second elevation, but has been closed up. Next to this is a closet. Doors are pegged here. The fireplace on this wall has moulded colonettes, paneled end blocks, bed mouldings and a mantle shelf. A pegged coat rack runs along the southwest wall.

At the second elevation, there is not much left to see. The floor has been tiled and if there was a fireplace on the northeast wall it has been closed up now. Walls and ceiling are still plastered.

The attic of this section has pegged log beams. The logs have been squared at the end. Vertical lathing is visible on the southwest wall under flaking plaster. Four light casement windows are at the northeast gable end. Floors are of random width pine.

The frame unit of this house is three bays long and two stories high. It is built onto a high, lighted, stone basement.

A gable flank roof has a wide stuccoed chimney at the northeast inside gable end. Entrance is in the center bay of the southeast and the northwest facade.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small home had been in the Hughes family for over one hundred years. The stone unit of this dwelling has many characteristics of the British stone cabins found throughout the mid-Atlantic region. This dwelling is said to have been a tavern at one time and a legend involving this house is attached.

Many of this dwelling's unique characteristics are disguised now through an attempt to modernize the structure. The main room of the stone unit, at the ground level, has been completely ignored and much of the fine wood work will soon be in ruins.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1783 Maryland Tax List
1798 Federal Tax List
1814 Maryland Tax List

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 26.50

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded by Rt. 23 on the west, Jolly Acres Road on the north, and the property of William A. Allen on the east.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

May 10, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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This section's basement is on the same elevation as the stone unit's first floor. This has a small room with shelf lined walls which must have been intended for the storage of canned goods. A large, brick faced fireplace is located in the center of the northeast wall. This originally was stone faced and lined. It appears to have been a cooking fireplace. Windows at the basement level are 6 by 6. A beaded plank door is at the center bay. It has iron strap hinges.

The first elevation of this section has moulded chair rails and its doors appear to be very old. The doors have old iron strap hinges and are of moulded panel. Old iron box locks are on each door. The living room's fireplace has been refaced, the ceilings have been lowered, and the floor, tiled. The stairway is enclosed, having a moulded panel door at its entrance.

Upstairs this section has plastered walls, covered, in some instances, with vertical beaded boards of random width. Beaded beams are visible. A simple cornice trims sections of the northeast room's ceiling. Closets in that room have pegged doors with iron "HL" hinges.

Hughes House Murder*

Near Norrisville, at the foot of Bald Hill, sits an old stone house, the ancestral home of Zenas Hughes and his family 100 years ago. The old house was once a tavern, the haunt of rugged men and stopping place for travelers, sometimes of questionable morals and behavior.

One night, as several men were playing cards in the large third-floor room, an argument arose and hot words were exchanged. A tall muscular man seized a heavy chair and brought it down upon the head of the short, stocky man at his right. There was a thud and the body lay on the floor in a pool of blood.

The murderer disappeared and the incident was forgotten. In later years, a new family moved in, and the first task of the immaculate housekeeper was to scrub the floors. The third story shone in sparkling cleanliness except for one spot. The blood on the attic floor could not be scrubbed off. The owner painted the floor, but the blood stains came through. Not being of a superstitious nature, she paid little attention to the neighborhood stories of a haunted house.

One day, while busy at her ironing board, she heard a muffled sound overhead. The sound continued and, with thud after thud, the sound seemed to descend the stairway and knock on the closed door.

She told her neighbors, and to prove her fears groundless, a bold young man agreed to sleep in the haunted attic that night. He had just dozed into a half-sleep when he felt the covers of his bed slide slowly across his body toward the door. In the dim moonlight, as if pulled by an unseen hand, he saw the bed covers settle squarely over the blood stain on the floor.

Without further ado, he rose and dashed down the stairs and onto the porch. His startled eyes saw a strange, misty shape float out over the surrounding swamp. In the awful stillness of the night, the voice was clearly audible as it screamed the name of the murderer of long ago.

*See Our Harford Heritage, C. Milton Wright, French Bray, Baltimore, 1967, pp. 305-306.

Title Search
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Talmadge D. and Pauline Carico
5138 Jarrettsville Road
White Hall, MD 21161

	561	641	11/19/1960	Grantor: James T. Smith and Edna R., wife Grantee: Talmadge D. and Pauline Carico Acreage: 192.85 acres
JAR	160	209	5/15/1918	Grantor: Bettye Smith and Milton E., husband Grantee: James T. Smith
WSF	122	439	4/1/1908	Grantor: Harry Hughes and T. Corinne Hughes, wife Grantee: Bettye Smith, et al
WSF	90	403	5/12/1897	Grantor: Lizzie H. Stokes Grantee: William T. Hughes Acreage: "Thompson Pleasant Hills" 201 acres
WSF	91	104	5/12/1897	Grantor: William T. Hughes, et al Grantee: Lizzie H. Stokes Acreage: "Thompson Pleasant Hills" 201 acres
WHD	17	94	2/27/1866	Grantor: Zenas Hughes Grantee: William Hughes, son
HDG	32	73	5/3/1846	Grantor: Mary and Jason Thompson, et al Grantee: John Young Acreage: "Thompson Pleasant Hills"
HD	5	378	9/21/1821	Grantor: Zenas Hughes, Sr. Grantee: Zenas Hughes, Jr.
HD	1	465	9/2/1818	Grantor: Zenas Hughes, Sr. Grantee: Zenas Hughes, Jr.

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: <i>Caried - Hughes house</i>			
ANO/DR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>West side of Norrisville Road about 0.4 mi</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>near Norrisville north of Urey Road</i>			
STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	CDDE:	COUNTY: <i>HARFORD</i>	COOE:
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Bath <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: <i>Talmadge? Herschel Carico</i>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Norrisville Road</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>White Hall 21161</i>	STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	COOE:	STATE:
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>BEL AIR</i>	STATE: <i>MARYLAND</i>	COOE:	COUNTY:
ACREAGE APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	COOE:	ENTRY NUMBER
			DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone and frame house, now very close to the road, faces southeast, the ridge line running northeast-southwest.

The stone section, northeast, is a bank house, 2 bays by 1 room deep.

The basement a full story on the southeast side.

The brick-topped chimney ^{in the northeast end} rises from a cooking fireplace in the basement, now closed off.

The frame section, 2 stories, 2 bays by 2, also has a chimney in the northeast end.

Windows throughout are 6 lights over 6. Each section has its one-story porch on the southeast side, leaving windows clear on the upper floor.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

unknown?

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Little is known of this old farmhouse except that it was owned about 1850-70 by one Zenos Hughes.

Substantially intact, if simple, it has survived as much-needed moderate priced housing. Both Mr & Mrs Carico have outside jobs.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview at site with C Patton Wright, 13 October 20

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:			JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION		MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST		DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER:		50 STATE CIRCLE			
CITY OR TOWN:		ANNAPOLIS		STATE MARYLAND	
				CODE	

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

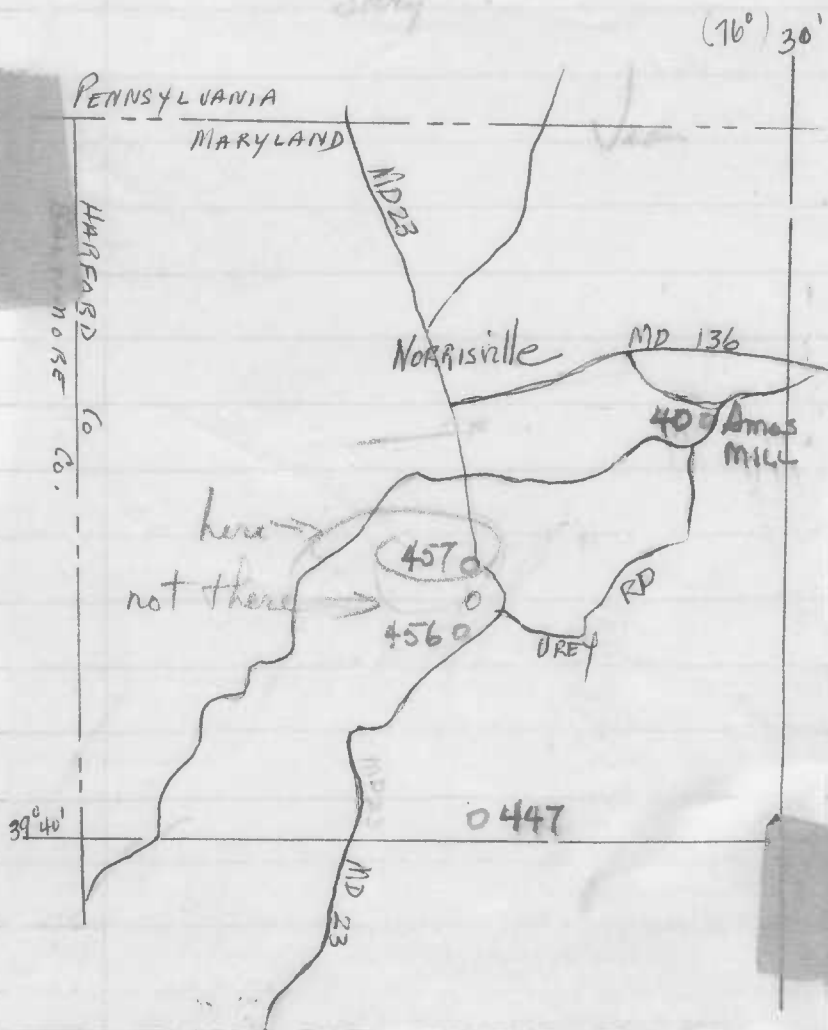
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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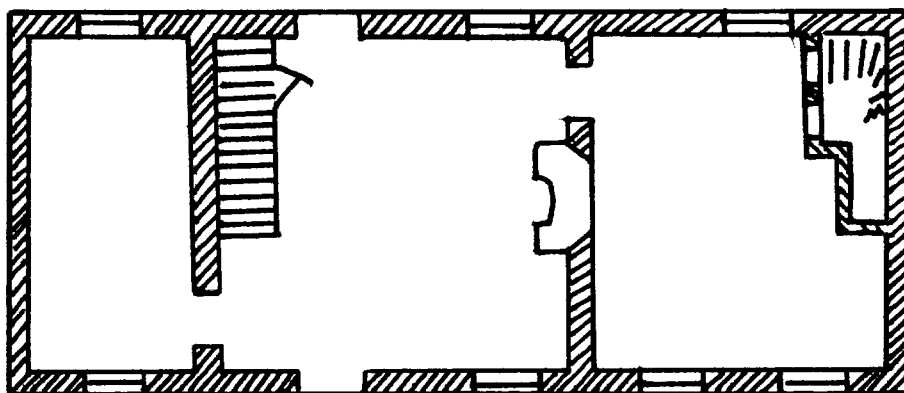
Dear Anne

A correction for the map I just mailed you! In the northwest corner, HA 457 is the first black square on the west side of Md 23 just north of the little stream north of Urey Road. The location description will read:
west side of Norrisville Road
(Md 23) about 0.4 mi south of Green Road.
 0.4 mi is a little less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mi.



sent copy of above (typist)
 verbal correction + copy
 of map section showing
 correction to Plannick
 12/3/70

ADP: GC



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STATES
OF THE ARMY
ENGINEERS

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PHOENIX QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 PARKTON 15' QUADRANGLE

5763 III NW
(FAWN GROVE)





Zenas Hughes House
White Hall, MD
Southwest
May, 1977
Susan M. Deeney

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